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SUBJECT: CODEL PERCY'S VISIT TO LUSAKA

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1. NO TROUBLE ACCOMMODATING CODEL'S NEW SCHEDULE WITH ARRIVAL LUSAKA 1415 HOURS, APR 17. WE HAVE CONFIRMED APPOINTMENT FOR CODEL WITH PRES KAUNDA'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS MARK CHONA AT 1730 HOURS SATURDAY, APR 17. THAT APPOINTMENT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY WORKING SUPPER AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AT 1930 HOURS. INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY CHONA'S DEPUTY, AMBASSADOR PETER KASANDA (WHO WAS OBSERVER TO NKOMO/SMITH TALKS IN SALISBURY) AND BY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PERM SEC NGONDA. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS URGED US ALSO TO INCLUDE (AND WE BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE NO PROBLEM GAINING THEIR ACCEPTANCE) ZAMBIAN AMBASSADORS TO U.N. DUNSTAN KAMANA AND TO U.S. SITEKE MWALE, BOTH OF WHOM IN LUSAKA FOR UPCOMING NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF RULING UNITED NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY.

2. WE HAVE CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS FOR CODEL ON ZAMBIAN AIRWAYS
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TOURIST FLIGHT TO LIVINGSTONE SUNDAY, APR 18 DEPARTING LUSAKA

0830 HOURS AND ARRIVING LIVINGSTONE 0950 HOURS. AT PRESENT CODEL WAIT-LISTED FOR RETURN FLIGHT FROM LIVINGSTONE DEPARTING 1820 AND ARRIVING LUSAKA 1940. ALTERNATIVELY, EMBASSY PREPARED TO HAVE SEDAN PRE-POSITIONED IN LIVINGSTONE TO DEPART FOR LUSAKA BY ROAD AT NOON ARRIVING LUSAKA ABOUT 1700 HOURS. STILL ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE IS FOR CODEL TO CHARTER 5-PLACE BEEHCRAFT BARON FOR LUSAKA/LIVINGSTONE ROUND-TRIP (APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR 15 MINUTES EACH WAY) AT COST OF KWACHA 450 OR APPROX \$700.

3. ALTERNATIVELY IF CODEL PREFERS NOT TO VISIT LIVINGSTONE UNDER ANY OF THESE TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS, SUNDAY SCHEDULE COULD INCLUDE INFORMAL MEETING WITH AMERICAN OFFICIAL COMMUNITY AT HOME OF DCM ALREADY PROGRAMMED AND MENTIONED LUSAKA REFTEL. MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF INSTITUTE OF NAMIBIA NOW SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, APR 16, WILL BE CANCELLED AND COULD PROBABLY BE RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY AFTERNOON IF MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME CAN BE WORKED OUT.

4. WE BELIEVE ZAMBIAN AND LOCALLY BASED FOREIGN PRESS WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY INTERVIEW CODEL DURING HIS VISIT. WE RECOMMEND CODEL CONSIDER FAVORABLY HOLDING AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE OF 15 - 30 MINUTES DURATION UPON ARRIVAL FROM DAR. IN ADDITION ZAMBIAN TV WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO TAPE INTERVIEW OF APPROXIMATELY HALF HOUR IN LENGTH WITH SENATOR PERCY FOR PROBABLE TELECAST SUNDAY EVENING. IF SENATOR AGREEABLE, ARRANGEMENTS FOR TV INTERVIEW COULD BE MADE AT ANY TIME CONVENIENT TO HIM ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

5. HOWEVER, KEY TO THE CODEL'S LUSAKA VISIT WOULD SEEM TO BE CONFIRMATION OF ONWARD TRANSPORTATION FROM LUSAKA TO MAPUTO WHICH CAN ONLY BE ARRANGED BY EMBASSY MAPUTO. WE STILL AWAITING LATTER'S COMMENTS REQUESTED PARA 4 LUSAKA REFTEL.

6. WE NOTE FROM PARA 3 DAR REFTEL THAT CODEL HOLDS ALTERNATIVE CONFIRMED BOOKING ON DAR/MAPUTO FLIGHT SUNDAY, APR 18. SHOULD NOTE THAT THERE ARE NOT RPT NO LUSAKA/DAR FLIGHTS ON SUNDAY. DOES THIS MEAN THAT CODEL WOULD FOREGO VISIT TO LUSAKA IF DIRECT LUSAKA/MAPUTO FLIGHT UNCONFIRMED OR IF ALTERNATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONNECTIONS TO MAPUTO FROM LUSAKA UNAVAILABLE THROUGH BLANTYRE? WE ARE TROUBLED BY THOUGHT THAT CODEL MIGHT FIND IT NECESSARY CANCEL LUSAKA VISIT ENTIRELY ESPECIALLY BECAUSE CHONA HAS MADE SPECIAL EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE CODEL FOR SHCHEDULED MEETING ON EASTER SATURDAY HOLIDAY AND HAS IMPLIED HE ALSO TRYING VERY HARD TO ARRANGE FOR CODEL TO MEET WITH PRES KAUNDA SOMETIME OVER EASTER WEEKEND.
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